

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A pry bar, comprising:

an elongated arcuate lever having a front end, a rear end, a top surface, and a bottom surface, said front end and said rear end defining a front half section and a rear half section extending therebetween, wherein the front end extends substantially beyond the rear section of said lever, and wherein the top surface and the bottom surface converge at the front end to form a sharp tip for wedging the pry bar underneath material that is to be removed;

a single bifurcated claw disposed at the front end of said lever, said claw having a fastener receiving notch centrally defined therein and first and second fastener engaging members located on respective sides of the notch; and

a gripping member fixedly secured to the top surface and disposed entirely within the rear section of said lever, said gripping member including a horizontally disposed handle and a pair of vertical support members depending from opposite ends of the handle, and being fixedly attached to said lever.

Claim 2. (*Previously Presented*) The pry bar according to claim 1, wherein said handle comprises a generally cylindrical rod.

Claim 3. (*Previously Presented*) The pry bar according to claim 1, wherein said support members are welded onto the top surface of said lever.

Claim 4. (*Previously Presented*) The pry bar according to claim 1, wherein said lever is made from recycled car leaf spring.

Claims 5-9. (*Canceled*)

Claim 10. (*Currently Amended*) A pry bar, comprising:

an elongated arcuate lever made of recycled leaf spring, said lever having a front end, a rear end, a top surface, and a bottom surface, said front end and said rear end defining a front half section and a rear half section extending therebetween, wherein the front end extends substantially beyond the rear section of said lever, and wherein the top surface and the bottom surface converge at front end to form a sharp tip for wedging the pry bar underneath material that is to be removed;

a single bifurcated claw disposed at the front end of said lever, said claw having a fastener receiving notch centrally defined therein and first and second fastener engaging members located on respective sides of said notch; and

a gripping member fixedly secured to the top surface and disposed entirely within the rear section of said lever, said gripping member including a horizontally disposed handle and a pair of vertical support members depending from opposite ends of the handle, and said support members being fixedly attached to said lever.

Claim 11. *(Previously Presented)* The pry bar according to claim 1, wherein said handle comprises a generally cylindrical rod.

Claim 12. *(Previously Presented)* The pry bar according to claim 10, wherein said support members are welded onto the top surface of said lever.

Claim 13. *(New)* A pry bar, consisting essentially of:

an elongated arcuate lever having a front end, a rear end, a top surface, and a bottom surface, said front end and said rear end defining a front half section and a rear half section extending therebetween, wherein the front end extends substantially beyond the rear section of said lever, and wherein the top surface and the bottom surface converge at the front end to form a sharp tip for wedging the pry bar underneath material that is to be removed;

a bifurcated claw disposed at the front end of said lever, said claw having a fastener receiving notch centrally defined therein and first and second fastener engaging members located on respective sides of the notch; and

a gripping member fixedly secured to the top surface and disposed entirely within the rear section of said lever, said gripping member including a horizontally disposed handle formed generally of a cylindrical rod, and a pair of vertical support members depending from opposite ends of said handle;

wherein said support members are welded onto the top surface of said lever.